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English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program Advisory Committee Notes

October 16, 2018

3:00-5:00 pm

H1005

Members:

Ron Burdock

Kim Cechetto

Tracey Cunningham

Brianne Dos Santos

Kristibeth Kelly

Kate Kennedy

Claire Marin

Tina Martin

Adair Meehan

David Rundle

Stephanie Samboo

Lisa Veldman

Martha Mayorga (notes)

Guest: Steve Patterson (Dean)

Regrets:

Sheila Carson, Huda Hussein, Kristen Loblaw, Kara McKeon, Saurabh Malhotra, Kim Otto, Denise Taylor-Edward, Elena Vallejo

1. Welcome and introduction of all members!

Welcome back Lisa Veldman – coming from maternity leave

2. 2018 Enrollment Overview

- Two categories of students: Internationals and Domestic students (GAP5- General Arts and Science – 1 year)
- International students: Vietnamese numbers are increasing – growth of 41%
- Diverse numbers – new countries: Nepal, Kyrgyzstan Republic, Congo Republic, Serbia
- GAP5 students (Domestic): numbers are increasing; over 20% of our students are domestic, with 113 students in the Fall.

3. GAP5 Challenges

- Most of our GAP5 students are here for Post-Secondary programs or University
- There is a Cap on GAP5 registration- we recommend that students study English in the community and come to Fanshawe College when they are placed in a higher level – Students get 1 year from OSAP (4 levels). Despite our recommendation, low level students persists – They come here for the quality of English academic studies.



- GAP5 students are now offered a “conditional offer” for their programs, allowing time to fulfil the English language proficiency requirement
- We identify and counsel these students and keep them informed about “pathways”

4. Ongoing Issues – GAP5

- Asymmetrical skills sets – Their level of speaking is superior, their writing or reading not as strong
- Some have literacy issues in first language
- Learning hurdles unidentified in previous country
- Some new Canadians outgrow high school but still need EAP
- Funding – OSAP only funds 2 semesters (4 levels) – if a student fail one level, some might not be able to get to an exit level within their OSAP funding
- GAP5 students must be enrolled for a full semester (2 terms)
- Students that are placed in level 10 at the beginning of the semester need another course to fill OSAP semester
- Parents juggling between school and kids – how can we help them?

5. The Future

- Flexible timetable
- Streamed curriculum that benefits GAP5 and international students
- Simplified application process

6. International Parents

- Mostly from South Korea
- Usually here with young kids – to attend local schools – juggling between school and kids
- Thames Valley concerns – some pay around \$3000, and never show to classes.
Fanshawe College and Thames Valley have good communication about this
- Some parents take July-August off – Kids off school



7. Awesome Adventures

- Field trips – St. Jacob, Port Stanley
- End of Term Celebration – Heart Awards
- Grad Celebration – Program certificates
- Terry Fox Marathon

8. Challenges

- 3 repeaters – on their third repeat, they get an email from Tina – if they fail again, they could be demoted
- Maybe their level is too challenging – they don't belong at that level
- Repeaters could have to re-apply
- We have been implementing this for 5 terms, and 8 people have been demoted, two decided not come back – eventually these same people come back to our program to another level
- This puts them at risk with Study permit – Immigration

9. Post-Secondary Supports

- PEM & AMD student support- mostly Indian students
- KB has created an online training tool in FOL with quizzes – students find this very helpful
- RPN student- Korean doing placement at Parkwood Institute – supporting her with pronunciation
- Tourism and Hospitality – we are not doing much at this moment – some changes in the school, with new Chair.
- Aviation – Last year, we piloted a course to support students that were having trouble understanding or following instructions – all was working well, but after the strike, there were some changes, Aviation got a new Chair – we are not doing much at this moment

10. Adjournment – Next PAC Meeting on April 9, 2019.